

December 3, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

Shortly prior to the report this suspect was seen to enter the Texas Theater, a Radio Patrol officer, whose name I do not know, was questioning a young man in the 100 Block South Patton. The officer asked me what I thought about the boy. I was not of the opinion the boy he was questioning was the right one. As the report was broadcast about the suspect entering the theater, I asked the officer if he had this boy's name and address. When he said he did, I told the boy he could go.

Then, I rode in the squad car with the officer to the rear of the Texas Theater, where there were already several officers present. Captain Talbert and some more officers were questioning a boy in the alley. There was a pickup truck setting just north off the alley with the motor running. I checked the truck for a weapon and had just walked back to the alley, when I heard a voice, that appeared to come from inside the front part of the theater, say, "We got him!"

Just instantly following that, Sergeant Gerry Hill opened the door from inside the back part of the second floor level of the theater building, and walked out onto the fire escape. I asked him if they had the suspect arrested, telling him we had heard someone yell, "We got him!" He looked back into the building and said, "No, we haven't got him."

Then, as Sergeant Hill re-entered the door leading to the fire escape, we again heard the voice yell, "We got him!" The voice was convincing enough that it could be sensed among all the officers at the rear of the building that the arrest was secured.

Immediately thereafter, Captain Westbrook and two or three other officers returned to the alley and reported the suspect was enroute to the station.

Respectfully submitted,

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